

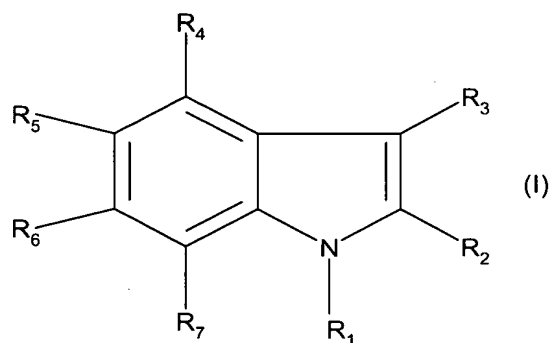
Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended)

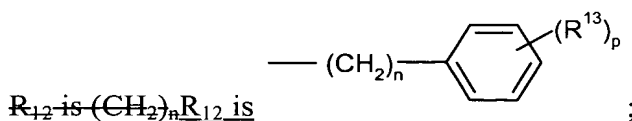
An indole compound represented by the formula (I), or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, or prodrug thereof;



wherein;

R₁ is the group -(L₁)-R₁₁; where, -(L₁)- is an alkylene chain of 1 to 8 carbon atoms and where R₁₁ is (CH₂)_mR₁₂;

m is an integer from 1 to 6;



n is an integer from 0 to 2;

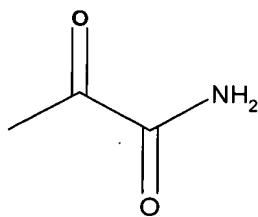
R₁₃ is selected from C₁ to C₈ alkyl;

p is an integer from 0 to 2;

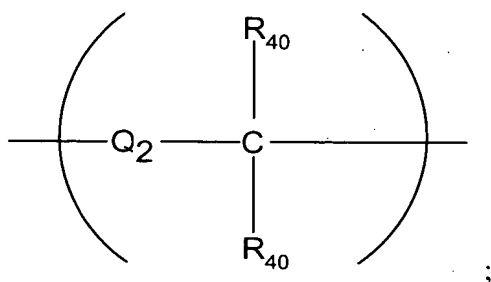
R₂ is hydrogen, or a C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R₃ is -(L₃)- Z, where -(L₃)- is a bond,

and Z is the group represented by the formulae,

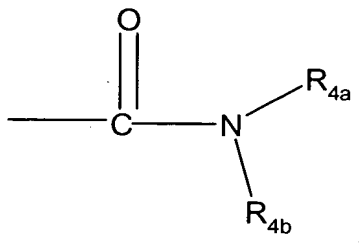


R₄ is the group, -(L_h)-(hydroxyfunctional amide); wherein -(L_h)-, is represented by the formula



Q₂ is -O-;

R₄₀ is independently selected from hydrogen and C₁-C₈ alkyl;

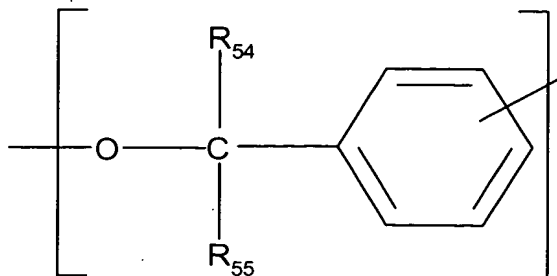


Hydroxy functional amide is the group

R_{4a} is OH;

R_{4b} is selected from hydrogen or C₁-C₈ alkyl;

R₅ is the group, -(L_a)-(acidic group); wherein -(L_a)-, is



R₅₄ and R₅₅ are each independently hydrogen or C₁-C₈ alkyl;

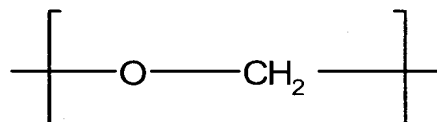
(acidic group) is $-\text{CO}_2\text{H}$;

R_6 and R_7 are each independently selected from hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkenyl, and $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_6$ alkynyl.

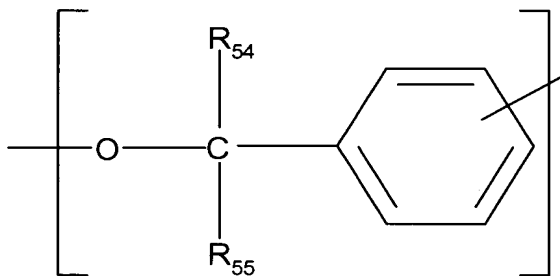
2. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R_2 is $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_4$ alkyl.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein the hydroxyfunctional amide linker group, $-(\text{Lh})-$, for R_4 is a divalent group selected from,

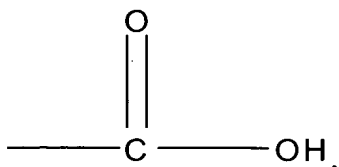


5. (Previously Presented) The compound of Claim 1 wherein the acid linker, $-(\text{La})-$, for R_5 is the group represented by the formula;



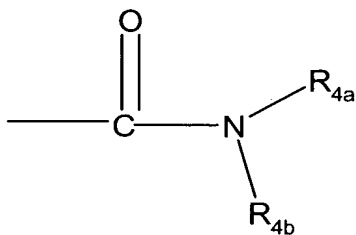
wherein R_{54} , and R_{55} , are both hydrogen.

6. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R_5 is the group, $-(\text{La})$ -(acidic group) and wherein the (acidic group) is the group:



- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Canceled)
- 9. (Canceled)
- 10. (Canceled)
- 11. (Canceled)
- 12. (Canceled)
- 13. (Canceled)
- 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Canceled)
- 16. (Canceled)
- 17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) The compound of claim 1 wherein R₄ is the group, -(L_C)-(hydroxyfunctional amide group) and wherein the (hydroxyfunctional amide group) is:



and R^{4a} is the group OH_i and
wherein R^{4b} is (C₁-C₆)alkyl.

- 19. (Canceled)
- 20. (Canceled)
- 21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) A pharmaceutical formulation comprising a indole compound as claimed in claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent therefor.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously Presented) A method of treating rheumatoid arthritis in a mammal wherein the method comprises administering to said mammal a therapeutically effective amount of an indole compound as claimed in Claim 1.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)